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Public Health Department,  
 "Kingsley,"  
 44 Rolleston Road,  
 Burton upon Trent

To the Chairman and Members of the  
 Tutbury Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report  
 for 1953.

In considering the Vital Statistics, it must be borne  
 in mind that in a district of this size, small changes in  
 totals make a considerable difference in the various Rates.  
 The Death Rate is considerably below the national Rate  
 and the Birth Rate reflects the general trend.

Infectious Diseases have been slightly less preva-  
 lent than in 1952 except for Measles which showed a  
 typical biennial increase.

There has again been a satisfactory number of  
 children immunised, and no cases of Diphtheria were  
 notified. Further improvement is still desirable, as there  
 is by now little opportunity for children to acquire  
 natural immunity.

While it is too soon to ascribe the marked fall in  
 the incidence of Whooping Cough in the District to the  
 County Council's immunisation Scheme, it is to be hoped  
 that this scheme will produce results comparable to those  
 achieved by Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year, 3 notices were served under  
 Article 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949. In  
 every case the source of the infection was rapidly re-  
 moved from the herd.

98 Council houses and 45 private houses were  
 completed and occupied during the year.

While this number compares favourably with  
 similar districts, I feel that some two or three apartment  
 dwellings should be included in future programmes to  
 provide for elderly or childless couples, and avoid using  
 the standard five apartment houses uneconomically.

I have to thank the Members of the Council, the  
 Council Officers and the Health Department Staff for their  
 help and co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES FLEMING  
 Medical Officer of Health

## PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

### Medical Officer of Health

CHARLES FLEMING, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.  
(Who is also M.O.H. Rugeley Urban District and  
Assistant County M.O.H.)

### Sanitary Inspector

A. LAVELLE, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A., Cert. I. Hsg.

### Assistant Sanitary Inspector

R. BRUNNING, A.R.San.I.

### Clerks

Mrs. E M. COTTON  
Miss I. ALLEN (Part time)

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	.....	.....	.....	.....	31,708
Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population Mid. 1953	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,870
Number of inhabited houses end of 1953 according to Rate Books	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,730
Rateable Value	.....	.....	.....	.....	£90,432
Sum represented by a penny rate	.....	.....	.....	.....	£350/17/6



## VITAL STATISTICS

	1953			1952				
	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.		
LIVE BIRTHS								
Legitimate	223	122	101	223	101	122		
Illegitimate	7	3	4	2	2	—		
	<u>230</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>122</u>		
Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population .....							1953	1952
Standardised Birth Rate .....							15.47	15.18
Standardised Birth Rate .....							15.47	15.18
STILL BIRTHS								
Legitimate	4	1	3	5	4	1		
Illegitimate	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		
Rate per 1,000 total births (live and still) .....							17.09	21.74
Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population .....							0.27	0.34
DEATHS								
139 74 65 162 90 72								
Death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population .....							9.35	10.9
Corrected for age and sex distribution .....							8.88	10.36
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES—Birth Rate							15.5	15.3
Still Birth Rate							0.35	0.35
Death Rate							11.4	11.3
DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES								
Puerperal Sepsis				Nil				
Other Puerperal Causes				Nil				

## DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

			1953			1952		
			Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	.....	.....	9	6	3	6	1	5
Illegitimate	.....	.....	1	—	1	—	—	—
			—	—	—	—	—	—
			10	6	4	6	1	5
			—	—	—	—	—	—
Under 4 weeks	.....		8	5	3	6	1	5
			—	—	—	—	—	—

## INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE

	1953	1952
All infants per 1,000 live births	43.48	26.67
Standardised rate per 1,000 live births	41.31	25.34
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	40.36	26.9
Standardised rate per 1,000 legitimate births	38.34	25.56

## INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE FOR

ENGLAND AND WALES	.....	.....	.....	26.8	27.6
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Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	.....	.....	23	24
„ „ Measles (all ages)	.....	.....	Nil	Nil
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	.....	.....	Nil	Nil
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)			Nil	Nil



## SECTION C

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### WATER

The supply of water to the greater part of the Rural District is by the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company, and the quality and quantity have been satisfactory. One small extension was made to the mains in Yoxall.

The under-mentioned properties were connected to the new mains during the year :—

Branston	1 Dwelling House
Dunstall	1 Dwelling House
Tatenhill	29 Dwelling Houses
Yoxall	31 Dwelling Houses and 1 Chapel

Tutbury Parish is supplied from a well and reservoir by the Rural District Council. The quality of the water is satisfactory.

The water supply to the Tutbury Parish is chlorinated as required by the Ministry of Health. Bacteriological examination and chemical analysis have been made of this water, and it was found that the Coli Aerogenes Content (presumptive Coli) varied between 7 and 14 per 100 ml. after 48 hours incubation at 37° C. This increase over past years is probably due to the breakdown of the chlorinating apparatus, which is now being replaced. The chemical analysis showed the water to be organically of satisfactory quality, but very hard.

The hardness before boiling was	45.5°
The hardness after boiling was	28.7°
Temporary hardness	16.8°

The number of houses in the Rural District which are supplied with water from public mains is as follows :-

PARISH	
Anslow	83
Barton-under-Needwood	543
Branston	626
Dunstall	60
Hanbury	119
Outwoods	651
Rolleston-on-Dove	479
Stretton	646
Tatenhill	78
Tutbury	666
Wychnor	6
Yoxall	243
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Total	4200
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It is gratifying to note that the number of houses with a piped water supply is now 4200, which represents 89% of the total number of houses in the district.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Schemes for sewerage and sewage disposal at Rolleston-on-Dove and parts of the Parish of Anslow have been completed.

It is regretted that the scheme for the new sewage disposal plant at Yoxall which has been approved in principle by the Ministry of Local Government and Planning cannot yet be proceeded with due to the restrictions on capital expenditure. Serious nuisance arises in the Parish owing to the complete absence of a plant

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING

The work has been of a satisfactory standard throughout the year.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

22 privies or pan closets have been abolished and water closets substituted by owners during the year.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT

There has been one smoke nuisance during the year. Notice was served requiring the abatement of the nuisance and no further action has been necessary

## CAMPING SITES

There are no recognised camping sites in the District.

## SWIMMING BATHS

The only swimming bath in the district is a privately owned one in the village of Rolleston-on-Dove. This appears to be well managed and supervised.

## DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

Seven houses were disinfected after the occurrence of infectious diseases, deaths, etc.

Nine infestations by fleas and other insects were overcome by treatment with a 10% D.D.T. solution and Gammexane smoke generators.

## SECTION D

### HOUSING

#### I. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:—

- |         |   |       |
|---------|---|-------|
| (1) (a) | Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)   | 406   |
| (b)     | Number of inspections made for the purpose  | 1,531 |
| (2) (a) | Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 | 43    |
| (b)     | Number of inspections made for the purpose  | 43    |
| (3)     | Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation                                  | 6     |
| (4)     | Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to in the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation  | 400   |

#### 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 164

#### 3. NEW HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

During the year 45 private enterprise houses were completed and occupied

98 Council Houses were completed and occupied

## SECTION E

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### MILK SUPPLY

The dairies of the district have been regularly inspected and have been maintained in a clean condition.

#### FOOD SHOPS

Inspections of food shops in the district have been made by the Sanitary Inspector's staff. Twenty-nine condemnation certificates were issued in respect of quantities of food found to be unfit for human consumption.

#### CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

(i) *Number of Food Premises*

Cafes	.....	.....	7
Factory Canteens	.....	.....	6
Ice Cream Vendors	.....	.....	44
Butchers' Shops	.....	.....	9
Bakeries	.....	.....	2
Fish and Chip Shops	.....	.....	5
Other Food Premises	.....	.....	26

(ii) *Registration of Food Premises*

Under Section 14, Food and Drugs Act, 1938	.....	42
Under Milk and Dairies Regulations	.....	5

(iii) *Inspection of Food Premises*

Number of Inspections	.....	.....	.....	152
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(iv) *Educational Activity*

Lectures on food hygiene were given to Cafe and Factory Canteen Staffs and Women's Institutes.

(v) *Disposal of Condemned Food*

The condemned food consisted only of tinned commodities which were buried on refuse tips.

(vi) *Special Examination of Food Consignments*

No special examinations were necessary.



## SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASES

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The incidence of all infectious diseases was practically unchanged, apart from Measles which showed a typical biennial rise and Whooping Cough which showed a considerable drop.

## IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Immunisation against Diphtheria has been carried out as usual at the five Infant Welfare Centres in the District. The response is satisfactory. Tribute must be paid to the two Health Visitors in the District for their excellent work in this connection.

There have again been no cases of Diphtheria, the last reported case being in 1945.

PRIMARY IMMUNISATIONS	1953	1952
Children under five years of age treated	106	108
Children of school age treated .....	28	55

## REINFORCING INJECTIONS

School children treated .....	.....	155	176
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The following figures show the remarkable progress made against Diphtheria since the introduction of the National Campaign for immunisation.

Year	Deaths	Corrected Notifications
1940	—	46,281†
1944	934	23,199
1945	722	18,596
1946	472	11,986
1947	244	5,609
1948	156	3,575
1949	84	1,890
1950	49	962
1951	33	664
1952	32	376
1953	24*	240*

\* provisional

† uncorrected



Disease			Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	.....	.....	6 (16)	2 (10)	— (—)
Pneumonia	.....	.....	14 (5)	— (—)	6 (9)
Puerperal Pyrexia	.....	.....	2 (1)	1 (—)	— (—)
Food Poisoning	.....	.....	1 (9)	1 (—)	— (—)
Whooping Cough	.....	.....	24 (85)	— (—)	— (—)
Measles	.....	.....	241 (60)	— (—)	— (—)
Erysipelas	.....	.....	1 (—)	— (—)	— (—)
Ophthalmia Neonatorum			1 (—)	— (—)	— (—)

(Figures for 1952 in brackets)

ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIED CASES ACCORDING TO AGE

Disease	AGE GROUPS							
	Under 1 year	1—2	3—4	5—9	10—14	15—24	25—44	45—64 65 and Over
Scarlet Fever		1	2	3				
Pneumonia		1		2	1	1	4	4
Puerperal Pyrexia						1	1	1
Food Poisoning			1					
Whooping Cough	1	4	7	12				
Measles	5	49	57	111	11	4	4	
Erysipelas							1	

## TUBERCULOSIS

### Cases on Tuberculosis Register, 31st December, 1953

Figures for 1952 in brackets

MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL
Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	
36 (32)	7 (7)	36 (29)	4 (5)	83 (73)

Eleven new cases and one death were notified during the year. The continued rise in the total reflects the improvements in diagnosis and treatment.

### New Cases and Mortality during 1953

Figures for 1952 in brackets

AGE PERIODS	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
1—5	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
6—15	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
16—25	2 (1)	4 (2)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
26—35	1 (-)	1 (2)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)
36—45	- (-)	1 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
46—55	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
56—65	1 (1)	1 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Over 65	1 (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Totals	6 (2)	7 (7)	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)

CANCER

Figures for 1952 in brackets

Deaths from Cancer for the year ended 31st December, 1953

Sex	AGE GROUPS								Total
	Under 26	26 to 35	36 to 45	46 to 55	56 to 65	66 to 75	76 to 85	Over 85	
M	1 (-)	- (-)	1 (-)	2 (2)	3 (5)	4 (5)	1 (4)	- (-)	12 (16)
F	- (-)	- (-)	1 (1)	- (2)	4 (1)	3 (3)	3 (1)	- (-)	11 (8)

# CAUSES OF DEATH IN TUTBURY RURAL DISTRICT

## DURING THE YEAR 1953

Causes of Death				Male		Female	
				1953	1952	1953	1952
ALL CAUSES	.....	.....	.....	74	90	65	72
1	Tuberculosis of respiratory system			1	—	—	1
2	Other forms of Tuberculosis	.....		—	—	—	—
3	Syphilitic disease	.....	.....	1	—	—	—
4	Diphtheria	.....	.....	—	—	—	—
5	Whooping Cough	.....	.....	—	—	—	—
6	Meningococcal infections	.....		—	—	—	—
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	.....	.....	—	—	—	—
8	Measles	.....	.....	—	—	—	—
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases			—	—	1	1
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach			—	1	1	1
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus			4	4	2	3
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	.....		—	—	1	2
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	.....		—	—	2	—
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms			8	11	5	2
15	Leukæmia, aleukæmia	.....	.....	—	2	1	—
16	Diabetes	.....	.....	1	—	—	—
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system			7	14	14	17
18	Coronary disease, angina	.....		11	12	9	2
19	Hypertension with heart disease			3	1	3	—
20	Other heart disease	.....	.....	11	14	9	15
21	Other circulatory disease	.....		2	3	2	1
22	Influenza	.....	.....	—	—	—	—
23	Pneumonia	.....	.....	3	6	3	3
24	Bronchitis	.....	.....	5	6	2	1
25	Other diseases of respiratory system			—	—	1	—
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum			1	2	—	—
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhœa			—	—	1	—
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	.....		—	—	1	—
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	.....	.....	2	2	—	—
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion			—	—	—	—
31	Congenital malformations	.....		1	1	2	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases			10	9	3	12
33	Motor vehicle accidents	.....		2	—	—	—
34	All other accidents	.....	.....	1	—	2	5
35	Suicide	.....	.....	—	2	—	—
36	Homicide and operations of war			—	—	—	—

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

of the

## **SANITARY INSPECTOR 1953**

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Tutbury Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report  
for 1953.

An important item in the report is the approval of the first grants for the improvement of dwellings under the Housing Act, 1949. The amendment of the Act in 1952, which made agricultural dwellings eligible for grants resulted in an increase in the number of applications. I am certain that, if the Council will continue to give favourable consideration to the applications, they will make an important contribution to the well-being of the agricultural community and therefore to the main industry of the area—agriculture.

Thanks are due to the staff of the public health department, and I am grateful for the excellent support received from the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

A. LAVELLE,

Sanitary Inspector



## WATER SUPPLY

23 samples of water from private sources were submitted for chemical and bacteriological reports and 9 samples found to be unfit for drinking purposes. The occupiers of premises involved in adverse reports were advised to boil their water before use, and as a result of requests to owners to lay on mains water 3 premises were connected to the South Staffordshire Waterworks Company's mains, and the work is in hand at the other premises.

House connections to new water schemes are progressing at a satisfactory rate, a total of 63 properties having been connected to the new mains during the year.

## HOUSING

### REPAIRS

The proposed revision of the Rent Restriction Acts will enable owners to maintain their property in a sound condition. The increased cost of repairs has for a long time prevented much needed major works of repair, and the Rent revision will prevent the deterioration of property into demolition category.

### IMPROVEMENTS

2 applications for improvement grants were approved during the year, and 3 further applications have been approved and were awaiting Ministry approval at the end of the year.

The Ministry aim to revise their standard for improved dwellings in order to encourage owners to improve their property, and to prolong the life of sub-standard property. Such improved property will bear comparison with new Council houses and thereby help to reduce the Council's new housing programme and the heavy subsidies involved in such a programme.

### SLUM CLEARANCE

6 demolition orders were made by the Council during the year. Such a step is only taken where the owner fails to make an offer to put the premises into a habitable condition. The premises generally have a complete lack of amenities and are in a dilapidated condition. Demolition of such dilapidated property removes a blot on the countryside.

## SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

22 premises with either pans or wet pits have been connected to the public sewer, and water closets installed.

All premises in the centres of the parishes of Branston and Stretton have been connected to the sewer.

At Barton-under-Needwood 11 pan closets were abolished, and one hand-flushed closet was provided with an automatic flushing system. The owners of the remaining premises with pan closets in the centre of Barton-under-Needwood are being pressed to convert their premises.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### COLLECTION

Three Shelvoke and Drewry 11 cub. yard side-loading refuse collecting vehicles are used for the collection of dry household refuse in the District, and fortnightly collection of refuse is made from all premises. Few complaints have been received, and satisfactory service has been maintained.

A limited collection of nightsoil from the parishes on the fringes of Burton-on-Trent is made at weekly intervals, and there have been no complaints from the collection area. Collection, however, does present a problem as new workmen are unwilling to collect nightsoil.

### DISPOSAL

Every endeavour is made to cover the household refuse at the tips with suitable covering material, and the tips are sprayed with insecticide at regular intervals during the warmer weather.

## SALVAGE

### WASTE PAPER

The Council do not make a separate collection of waste paper. The merchants offered an increased price for this during the year, and I took the opportunity of disposing of half of the accumulation in the Council depot. The merchants are now offering an increased price, and it is hoped to dispose of the remainder of the accumulation as soon as possible. The great fluctuation in the price of waste paper in the last few years does not encourage a local authority to make a separate collection.

## SCRAP METAL AND TEXTILES

These materials are collected with the house-hold refuse. The following are the salvage returns for the year :

	Weight				Value		
	t.	c.	q.	lb.	£	s	d
Waste Paper	6	17	—	—	27	8	0
Scrap Metal	7	5	3	16	28	5	3
Textiles		11	7	19	9	0	2
					<u>£64 13 5</u>		

## RODENT CONTROL

The use of the new rat poison—WARFARIN—was continued with success during the year and the occupiers of premises where treatments were carried out were satisfied with the results obtained.

A summary of the work done in the year is as follows :—

	Local Authority Premises	Dwelling Houses	Agricultural	Business	Total
Total number of properties	17	4434	252	198	4901
Number of properties inspected as a result of :					
(a) Notification	—	54	—	11	65
(b) Routine Survey	17	223	35	21	296
Number of Properties found to be infested	Major 7 Minor 10	1 124	1 —	13 15	22 149
Number of properties treated	17	125	—	28	170
Total number of visits	119	1027	35	200	1381



In addition the sewers received their annual tests and treatments as follows :—

Parish	Manholes Tested	Manholes requiring Treatment
Barton-under-Needwood	16	—
Branston .....	11	—
Outwoods .....	13	2
Rolleston .....	15	—
Stretton .....	14	—
Tutbury .....	14	10

### INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES

Several new food premises have been opened during the year and the premises were brought up to the standard required before the sale of food was commenced. The majority of the vendors are fully alive to the need for a high standard of hygiene, and in fact many have pointed out to me that the improvement in their premises has been reflected in the increased amount of trade.

Talks have been given to canteen staffs on food hygiene, and regular visits are paid to canteens in order to ensure that new staff are aware of the need for it.

The Headmasters of the Tutbury and Barton-under-Needwood Secondary Modern Schools kindly arranged for talks on food hygiene to those pupils about to leave school, in order that any who might be going into the catering trade would be conversant with the principles of food hygiene.

### ICE CREAM PREMISES

There was a further increase in the number of registered premises during the year. There are now 42 premises on the register, an increase of 6 as compared with 1952. The vendors deal mainly with pre-packed products, which is a safeguard in Public Health.

62 samples of ice cream were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological reports. All reports were satisfactory.

### SHOPS ACT, 1950

The above Act affects all shops where there are employees. 76 inspections and 15 re-inspections were carried out, and informal notices served upon the owners of 7 shops. The defects have been remedied in 5 cases, and are in hand in the remainder.

## FOOD INSPECTION

The under-mentioned weights of tinned foods were condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.	oz.
English Tinned Ham .....			16	9
Foreign Tinned Ham .....		1	6	1
English Tinned Vegetables		1	10	0
Foreign Tinned Vegetables		2	15	13
English Tinned Fruit .....		2	3	6
Foreign Tinned Fruit .....			16	3
English Tinned Beef .....			3	12
Foreign Tinned Beef .....			16	15
English Tinned Milk .....			25	0
Foreign Tinned Milk .....			21	10
English Tinned Fish .....				5
Foreign Tinned Fish .....			3	3
Total	2	2	26	13

## DAIRIES

There are five dairies in the district and the standard of cleanliness is good.

## DISINFECTION

7 houses were disinfected after the occurrence of infectious disease or deaths, etc. Investigations were made as to the possible source of infection of each case of infectious disease.

## DISINFESTATION

9 premises were disinfested following complaints of insect infestation.

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

## LICENSED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY

There are 13 moveable dwellings licensed by the Tutbury Rural District Council to be sited in the area. These are inspected regularly to ensure that the sanitary arrangements are satisfactory.

## CARAVANS—UNLICENSED

63 inspections were made of sites on which vagrant families encamped during the year. Complaints became so frequent during the spring of 1953, that an interview was arranged with Mr. Colegate, M P. for the local division, with a view to the matter being brought before the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Photographs had been taken of both the caravans and of the sites after they had left them, in order to indicate the serious nature of the nuisance.

I suggested to Mr. Colegate that the powers of the Local Authority should be strengthened for dealing with nuisances of this type. In a reply to a letter from Mr. Colegate, the Minister of Housing and Local Government agreed that the powers under the Public Health Act should be strengthened. He however, felt that the difficulties were practical rather than merely legal ones.

The Police successfully prosecuted caravan dwellers following a nuisance arising in Stretton, and it did appear that the complaints were less frequent after that case.

Following my letter to the land owner concerned, steps are being taken to have a site at Branston fenced off to prevent caravans gaining access to the land.

These hardened vagrants will not change their way of life, and only constant action against them prevents serious nuisance arising on sites in the area.



## Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Acts, 1937 & 1948. Part I of the Act.

### 1. — INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

PREMISES (1)	M/C line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/C line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	26	26	—	—	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	39	30	—	—	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	—	—	—	—	3
TOTAL		65	56	—	—	

### 2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found

PARTICULARS (1)	M/C line No. (2)	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/C line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (6)		
Want of cleanliness (S 1)	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Overcrowding (S 2)	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
Unreasonable temperature (S 3)	6	—	—	—	—	—	6
Inadequate ventilation (S 4)	7	—	—	—	—	—	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S 6)	8	—	—	—	—	—	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S 7) { insufficient unsuitable or defective not separate for sexes	9	—	—	—	—	—	9
	10	—	—	—	—	—	10
	11	—	—	—	—	—	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	—	—	—	—	—	12
TOTAL	60	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	60

Part VIII of the Act  
**OUTWORK** (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	M/c line No.	Section 110			Section 111			M/c line No.
		No. of out- workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions	
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
Lace, lace curtains and nets	16	3	—	—	—	—	—	16
TOTAL	70	3	—	—	—	—	—	70

# Summary of work done in the Sanitary Inspector's Department during the Year 1953, in the Rural District of Tutbury

	Inspec- tions	Informal Notices by Inspector	Formal Notices by Authority	Nuisances abated after Notices by Inspector	Nuisances abated by Authority
Structural Defects	266	25	1	21	1
Verminous Premises	7	2	—	2	—
Foul Conditions	40	2	—	2	—
Animals kept as a Nuisance	5	—	—	—	—
Defective Sinks	29	3	—	10	—
Defective and choked drains	250	20	1	20	1
Water Supply	216	19	—	72	—
Conversions to water carriage system	206	15	—	22	—
Abolition of cesspools	62	2	—	—	—
Abolition of ashpits	1	—	—	—	—
Dustbins provided	61	9	—	26	—
Dairies	10	—	—	—	—
Food and Drugs Act	152	10	—	7	—
Shops Act	91	7	—	5	—
	<u>1396</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>2</u>

## Precautions against Infectious Diseases

Houses disinfected after Infectious Disease and Deaths, etc.	7
Samples of Water taken and found to be unfit	9
Samples of Water taken and found to be fit	14





